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Post 1980 Minutes – Annual Planning Meeting – 21 January 2012
Wildwood Casino, Cripple Creek, CO

1-2PM: Social and slideshow (Photos from 2011)

Call to order at 2PM by Commander Chuck: Colors; Salute; Prayer; POW-MIA Empty Chair
Pledge of Allegiance; Preamble to American Legion Constitution

Roll Call: See attendees at end of minutes; quorum present

Welcome to members and guests; Opening Remarks by Commander

Thanks to Yvonne for organizing today's gathering

Introduction of guests

Opening Remarks by President of the Auxiliary (Anita for Yvonne)

Previous Minutes: November 22nd minutes; motion, second, and unanimous approval

Finance Statement: Dated December 31st; motion, second, and unanimous approval

Welcome new members in 2011

- Ron Beyers, Mike Huggins, Ed Leech, Mike McMorris, Mary Miklosz, Duke Monk, and Chuck Smith
- Commander Gardner conducted the Initiation Ceremony for Mary Miklosz, Cynthia Horn, Chuck Smith, Mike McMorris, and Paul James (certificates will be presented at the February regular meeting)

Welcome to members who transferred to Post 1980 in 2011

- Robert Brown, Eugene Carlson, Tom Forster, Cynthia Horn, Robert Hudspeth, Gene Kozleski, Stephen McGuire, Dewayne Nighswander, Mark Smith, Patrick Szymankowski, Daniel Torweihe, and Dan Weber

Thanks to continuing members of Post 1980

- Current member listing included as an attachment

Celebrate 2011 Successes

- See listing of some key events, included as an attachment
- Reviewed and discussed, including recognition of key members contributing to the success

Approve Events Calendar for 2012

- Discussion of events planned for 2012
- Saturday, March 3rd, joint Post 1980 and Auxiliary trip to the Veterans Home in Florence to deliver clothing; will see if Senior Center can help with clothes drive
- Pig Roast
 - Chuck Smith will check with the Crystola about potential dates for the Pig Roast (9 or 16 June)
- Raffle
 - Agreement to do another
- August motorcycle rally; what can we do? (Dave)
- Veterans Day Recognition and Celebration; can we do at the Crystola on Sunday at 11:11 on 11/11/12? (Tom/Chuck)
- Draft calendar attached; motion to approve, seconded, unanimous approval

Approve Budget for 2012

- Following issues/changes were addressed based upon recommendations from the Executive Committee:
 - Boys State: Sponsor two boys in 2012; fee \$300x2, plus \$250x2 scholarship upon their attendance at continuing education after graduation (note that we did not have any attendees in 2011). Motion to approve, 2nd, unanimous approval.
 - Post 1980 Baseball: Contribute \$400 towards insurance and team registration. Motion to approve, 2nd, unanimous approval.
 - WPHS Post 1980 Scholarship (descendant of a veteran): \$500x1. Motion, 2nd, unanimous approval. Dave and Richy will work on updating the scholarship info and getting it to WPHS.
 - Membership dues: Raise from \$30 to \$35 (will give us \$6/member instead of \$1/member if payment to Department and National remains the same); lots of discussion both pro and con. Motion to approve, 2nd, YES=7; NO=3, approved.
- Draft budget (including the above) for 2012 (from Paul's 2011 Finance Report and Projected 2012); a motion to approve a draft budget for \$9.7k revenues and \$8.5k expenditures. Adjustments will be made as necessary made upon actual revenues and additional expenditures as approved by the Post membership. Motion, 2nd, Unanimous approval.

Identify Committee Chair Persons for 2012's Main Events

- *Newer members are encouraged to be co-chairs for events and to be a part of the various committees throughout the year; participation by additional members is really needed*
- *If you were not at the meeting and would like to chair or co-chair one of the committees, please contact Commander Chuck; there will also be lots of opportunity to serve on the committees*

Officer Nominating Committee: Paul James

Honor Guard: Robby Cox (hopefully)

Boys State: Dave Turley

American Legion Baseball: Dave Turley and Keith Wilson

Pig Roast: Chuck Smith (with help from everyone)

Reminder that Yvonne and Vern will be out-of-town for June

Silent Auction: Paul James and Sue James (Auxiliary)

Independence Day Booth:

Shooting Events: Rod Herk and Bob Mericle

Post Family Picnic: Chuck Smith's Place

Veterans Day: Tom Kerry and Chuck Gardner

Christmas Party: Yvonne Wilson (hopefully)

Membership Drive: Chuck Gardner, Adjutant, and all

Raffle: Paul James and Lee Vulcan

WPHS Scholarship: Dave Turley and Richy Kleiner

Review committee: additional members TBD

POW-WOW: Robby Cox

Cruise Above the Clouds: Bob Mericle and Rod Herk

Motorcycle Rally: Dave Turley

Memorial Day Activities: Service Officer

Veterans Home: Chuck Gardner

Annual Meeting (2013): TBD

Oratorical: Keith Wilson and Chuck Gardner

Items to Afghanistan: Chuck Gardner

9-11 Ceremony in Woodland Park: TBD

In conjunction with the Lions Club and others

Flag Retirement: Chuck Gardner (Commander)

Veterans Hall Maintenance: Keith Wilson

Officer Reports (all were brief):

- **Commander – Chuck Gardner**
- **Senior Vice Commander – Bill Fischer**
- **Junior Vice Commander – Yvonne Wilson (had to leave)**
- **Adjutant – Dave Turley**
 - Membership for 2012 at 95.29%, 81 towards the goal of 85 (3 more were submitted on 1-21-2012, putting us within 1 of our goal)
 - Boys State: 3-9 June 2012; Dave showed video from 2011
 - Baseball: Late-May through July; 2, possibly 3 teams (“B” and “D” for sure per info from Coach Richardson); “B” Tournament (applied), 26-29 July
- **Finance Officer – Paul James**
- **Service Officer – Richy Kleiner**
- **Historian – Keith Wilson**
- **Chaplain – Bob Mericle**
- **Sergeant-At-Arms – Rod Herk (unable to attend)**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discussion on Officers for 2012, election in May; will need to find an adjutant to replace Dave and a Senior Vice Commander to replace Bill; possible other changes, so if you are interested in serving your post as an officer, let Paul (nominating committee) know.
- Reminder on Department mid-year conference in Longmont, 27-29 January.
- “Remember the Fallen” – Chuck and Keith will work to bring this display of Colorado’s fallen (Iraq and Afghanistan) to Woodland Park
- Correspondence (thank you letters from Community Cupboard and Red Cross)
- Sick Call – Vern; Chuck for his knee surgery
- Good of the Legion
- Unfinished Business -- none
- **Reminders: Next ExCom meeting Tuesday, February 21st at the Crystola**
Next Post meeting February 28th at Veterans’ Hall
 - **From Mary: Walgreens gives a 15% discount to military and veterans on Tuesdays**

Adjourn

Chuck Gardner
Commander

Dave Turley
Adjutant

Attendees:

Chuck Gardner	Dave Turley	Keith Wilson
Paul James	Richard Kleiner	Bob Mericle
Tom Kerry	Mike McMorris	Bill Fischer
Cindy Horn	Mary Miklosz	John Meyer
Bob Waters	Chuck Smith	
Yvonne Wilson (came, but had to leave right away)		

Guests:

Bonnie Fries
Janet Meyer
Silke McMorris

Inge Gardner
Susan James

Anita Wilson
Kay Smith

American Legion Post 1980 Membership Listing (as of 1-21-2012)

Last Name	First Name	City	State	Year Paid
Ahrendt	Harold	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Baleria	Dennis	Woodland Park	CO	PUFL
Ball	Billy	Ovid	CO	2011
Bennett	James	Florissant	CO	2012
Brovetto	Gary	Woodland Park	CO	2011
Brown	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Byers	Ronald	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Carlson	Eugene	Divide	CO	2012
Cleaver	Phillip	Divide	CO	2012
Cox Jr.	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	PUFL
Creamer	William "Don"	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Cronan	Paul	Florissant	CO	2011
Cummings	Bruce	Woodland Park	CO	2012
DeNomme	Hank	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Divelbiss	Donald	Colorado Springs	CO	2012
Dyer	Horace	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Engesser	Albert	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Fillipeck	Stanley	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Fischer Sr.	William	Divide	CO	2012
Fish	James	Woodland Park	CO	PUFL
Forster	Tom	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Franklin	Gerard	Divide	CO	2012
Gagner	Warren	Florissant	CO	2012
Gardner	Charles	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Gillispie	George	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Gorsira	Berthy	Del Norte	CO	2012
Harris	John	Florissant	CO	2011
Herk	Rodney	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Hicks	Mark	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Higgins	Mike	Green Mountain Falls	CO	2012
Hollingsworth	Michael	Woodland Park	CO	2010
Horn	Cynthia	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Hudspeth	Robert	Florissant	CO	2012
Jacobs	David	New Canton	IL	2011
James	Paul	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Jamison	Lawrence	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Jeane	Art	Denver	CO	2012
Jerzak	Henry	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Jones Jr.	Harold	Washington	KS	2012
Keehn	Donald	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Keith	Douglas	Florissant	CO	2011
Kempt	James "Ike"	Divide	CO	2012
Kerry	George	Woodland Park	CO	2012
King	Brent	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Kleiner	Richard	Divide	CO	2012
Kowell	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	2012

Kozleski	Gene	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Kuckens	Robert	Bentonville	AR	PUFL
Kuder	Lloyd	Pueblo	CO	2012
Kuykendall	Billy	Colorado Springs	CO	2012
Larimore	Charles	Woodland Park	CO	2011
Laughlin	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Leech	Ed	LaGrange	TX	2012
Leaf	Gordon	Divide	CO	2012
Leggett	Eldwin	Green Mountain Falls	CO	2011
Lemaster	Sherman	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Long	Lester	Colorado Springs	CO	2012
Maiorano	Patrick	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Manriquez	Mark	Divide	CO	2011
Maresca	Michael	Florissant	CO	2012
Marlar	George	Florissant	CO	2011
Marty	Larry	Divide	CO	PUFL
McClellan	Chandler	Lake George	CO	2011
McGuire	Stephen	Woodland Park	CO	2012
McMorris	Mike	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Mericle	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Meyer	John	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Miklosz	Mary	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Miller	Craig	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Mitchell	Mark	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Monk	Duke	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Montgomery	John	Woodland Park	CO	PUFL
Myers	Stephen	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Nighswander	Dewayne	Divide	CO	2012
Nolan	Carl	Divide	CO	2012
Nussbaum	Michael	Woodland Park	CO	2010
Owens	Steve	Woodland Park	CO	2011
Panks	Daniel	Enoch	UT	2012
Parlier	Donald	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Patterson	Ronnie	Florissant	CO	2012
Paul	Jerry	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Pohrte	Thomas	Divide	CO	2011
Proper	Jeffrey	Colorado Springs	CO	2012
Ross	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	2011
Schneider Jr.	Donald	Florissant	CO	PUFL
Smith	Charles	Lake George	CO	2012
Smith	Mark	Divide	CO	2011
Spain	Lenard	Colorado Springs	CO	2012
Szymankowski	Patrick	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Taylor	Bruce	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Torweihe	Daniel	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Tucker	Edward	Clemmons	NC	2012
Turley	David	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Tyler	Andrew	Woodland Park	CO	2011
Vulcan	John	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Vulcan	Leland	Woodland Park	CO	2012

Waters	Robert	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Weber	Dan	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Weir	David	Florissant	CO	2012
Wilks	Chester	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Wilson	Davis	Redding	CA	2012
Wilson	Keith	Woodland Park	CO	2012
Wilson	Vernon	Florissant	CO	2012
Wilson	Yvonne	Florissant	CO	2012
Wolff	James	Ovid	CO	PUFL

American Legion Post 1980 – 2011 Successes

January – Second Annual Planning Meeting in Cripple Creek

February – Visited Bruce McCandless State Veterans Nursing Home in Florence with the Auxiliary; Boys State program kicks off and goes through June

March – Afghanistan Collections expanded to two boxes in Walmart and one in Walgreens; Donation to Blue Star Moms of Durango to honor Gold Star Mothers & families

April – Donated to 'Guide Dog for the Desert.'

May – Fun Shoot (7 May); Legion College (21 May); Post Elections (24 May); Donation to Joplin, MO American Legion Post 13 for tornado relief (24 May); Awards Ceremony at WPHS (25 May); Memorial Day Ceremonies and Honor Guard(28&30 May)

June – Pig Roast and Silent Auction (11 June); Flag Retirement Ceremony (14 June); Department Convention “It’s Who We Are” Presentation. Received National “Post of Excellence” and 100% Membership Awards (24-26 June)

June /July– American Legion Post 1980 Baseball (D, JV, and B Teams) (31 May – July) American Legion D baseball Tournament Honor Guard(21-24 July); Independence Day Celebration food and membership booths and Honor Guard (4 July); Pig-cooking Fund-raiser “Gold Rush Days” Victor (16 July); Dave Turley awarded “Junior Boys State Counselor of the Year”

August – October – Family Camp out and Picnic (19-21 August); Post Raffle Sales/Membership Booths at Walmart (August – October)

September – Pow-Wow Honor Guard (3 September); Cruise Above the Clouds/Poker Run Stop in Victor (10 September); 9-11 10th Anniversary Ceremony (11 September); Honor Guard at the Church of the Nazarene (12 September); Pig Roaster up graded and American Legion seals affixed (September); Woodland Park High School Homecoming Parade Honor Guard (28 September)

November – Veterans Day, Raffle, Broncos and Air Force tickets (11 November)

Christmas Holidays – Salvation Army Bell-ringing; Christmas Parade Honor Guard (3 December); Christmas Party (10 December)

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Notes:

Events (as of 1-21-2012)

Jan 1 -- New Years Day; Jan 16 -- MLK Day
Jan 21 -- 2011 Planning Meeting, 1-4PM
Wildwood Casino, Cripple Creek
Jan 27-29 -- Department Mid-Year Conf (ColoSprg)
Feb-Apr -- Boys State Registration (WPHS)
Feb 20 -- President's Day
Feb 12-- Department Oratorical (none WPHS)
Feb 28 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
Mar 3 -- Veterans Home and Clothes (Chuck)
Mar 27 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
-- Nominating Committee
Apr 1 -- Boys State Candidates due from WPHS
Apr 8 -- Easter
Apr 15 -- Boys State Nominees Final Selection
Apr 24 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
-- Nomination of Post Officers; D7 Visit
Apr ?? -- Fun Shoot (TBD: Bob M & Rod)
May 1 -- Boys State Applications due Dept
May ?? -- District 7 Convention, Canon City
May 19 -- Armed Forces Day
May 22-- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
-- Election & Installation of Post Officers
May 23? -- WPHS Awards Ceremony; 6:30-9PM
May 26 -- 9am WP Cemetery; Flags on graves
May 28 -- Memorial Day
7am Flags Lions Park; 11am WP Cemetery
Memorial Service; 7PM Flags Lions Park
June 3-9 -- Colorado Boys State CSU-Pueblo
June 9 or 16 -- Pig Roast & Silent Auction
(Crystola Inn) Raffle begins
June 14 -- Flag Day; Flag Retirement?
Jun ??-?? -- Department Convention
June 28 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
Late May through late July -- Legion Baseball

2012 -- Post 1980

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NOTES:

Events (as of 1-21-2012)

Late May through late July -- Legion Baseball
Post Raffle continues through Vet Day
July 4 -- Independence Day -- flags, booth, food at the WP 4th Celeb
July 24 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
July 26-30 -- ?CALB "B" State Baseball Tournament Woodland Park, Panther Field
Aug 17-19 -- Cripple Creek Motorcycle Rally
Post activities on Saturday 18th?
Aug 24-26 -- Post Family Picnic at Chuck Smith's
Aug 28 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
Sep 3 -- Labor Day
Sep 1? -- Pow-Wow?
Sep 8? -- Cruise Above the Clouds Poker Run
Sep 11 -- 9-11; flags, Ceremony (Lions Club lead)
Sep 25 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
Sep & Oct -- Hunting Season!!!!!!
Oct 8 -- Columbus Day
Oct 23 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
Oct -- Oratorical Preparations???
Nov 11 -- Veterans Day celebration/dinner Raffle drawing; flags
Nov 27 -- Regular Post Meeting, Veterans Hall
Nov 22 -- Thanksgiving
Dec 1 -- Woodland Park Christmas Parade (HG)
No regular post meeting in December
Dec ?? -- Post Christmas Party
Dec 25 -- Christmas